

Ecybermission

Accept the Challenge

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THE Army is sponsoring eCybermission — a Web-based math, science and technology competition for 7th- and 8th-grade students — and is looking for volunteers to help make the new program a success.

The competition is designed to attract students who don't typically enter national competitions by encouraging them to tackle problems that interest them or that they see in their communities. Students form their own teams of three or four to conduct research and experiments on their problems, and then submit their "mission folders" online.

To promote participation, the Army is looking for what it calls "Ambassadors" and "CyberGuides." Ambassadors make promotional visits to local schools and youth groups to encourage participation in eCybermission. CyberGuides provide online advice to students as they complete their projects.

Army Chief of Staff GEN Eric K. Shinseki says he envisioned this initiative as one way for the Army to give back to America's communities. "It's about getting students of all capability levels interested in

science, math and technology," Shinseki said. "The future success of our country depends on having a civilian and military workforce that is skilled in these disciplines. Through the creative use of the Internet, eCybermission can become one of the premier science competitions for the nation."

In future years the competition will be expanded to include high school-age students. □

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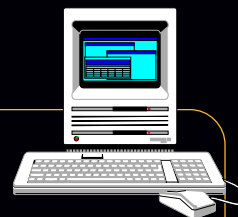
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